

wherein the shielding control means controls the shielding means during the special gaming state.

4. The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the shielding means comprises an electronic shutter.

5. A gaming machine having a display device comprising:

(a) a substantially transparent panel disposed on the display device;

(b) an image display device for displaying an image, the image display device being provided behind the panel, so as to show the image visibly through the panel;

(c) a shutter being disposed behind the image display device; and

(d) a variable display device for displaying symbols varyingly, the variable display device being provided behind the shutter such that at least a portion of the symbols is shielded by the shutter,

wherein the shutter is controlled such that the portion of the symbols is shielded or shown through the panel based on a control by a player.

6. The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the shutter comprises an electronic shutter.

7. The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the shutter is formed in a substantially flat shape; and

wherein the shutter comprises at least a substantially transparent portion such that another portion of the symbol behind the shutter is not shielded by the shutter.

8. The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the image display device comprises a liquid crystal display.

9. The gaming machine according to claim 5, the gaming machine comprising a light being disposed behind the shutter such that the symbol is illuminated.

10. The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the variable display device comprises a reel; and

wherein the reel has a plurality of symbols on an outer peripheral surface thereof.

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